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The arrest of federal officials under a local law for their presence at a boxing contest over which they are supposed to have jurisdiction will probably be a final fatal blow, as far as public sentiment is concerned, upon the crusade against such contests—never much supported anywhere in the local community. The fact is that those who are conducting the campaign against such contests should themselves have been present on Saturday night, in order that they might have accurate personal knowledge of what took place. They would probably not have been arrested for "being present."

The Advertiser this morning publishes those extracts from the Naval Appropriations bill which were made law in place of the Bates bill, which was killed in the Senate.

It is hardly likely that the El Paso smugglers will claim demurrage of the railways for the boxed Chinese who have failed to reach their destination alive.

According to the reports of the election of bishops at the Methodist conference in Baltimore, a drop from the bucket of church politics there exemplified would blacken a river of the ordinary quality of secular electioneering.

It might be worth while for our health authorities to watch the results from the hospital for hydrotherapeutic treatment which is being added to the California state insane asylum at Stockton. Provision for the water cure, if it prove successful there, might be made on a moderate scale in the new buildings now many years acknowledged as a crying necessity of the local institution. The construction of these ought to be made a first call on the next legislature and all election platforms should pledge candidates to that end.

The treasury deficit for May, of close on twelve million dollars, is just about double the average monthly deficit for the past eleven months. Small blame to the Congress, in view of such a condition, that it should have taken on an economical streak in its later deliberations. That it should have been so liberal with Hawaii, as the published figures have shown, indicates that the Nation has come to realize the importance of the islands as a national asset, together with the economic justice of providing for the Territory's local needs in some degree of proportion to its returns of revenue to the national treasury.

## CHANCE FOR SHIP SUBSIDY.

The coastwise suspension bill is presumably dead. It was a measure that had some support here, but there were heavy arguments against it, and what Hawaii really most wants is a ship subsidy law. The coastwise suspension might have given the opportunity for a development of foreign steamship business here which would have added much to the permanent hold such steamship companies have on the Pacific trade. By the failure of both the subsidy and the coastwise suspension bills, Honolulu is doomed to suffer considerable disadvantages at least until the next session of Congress, but in the long run, we may perhaps be glad that, after the ship subsidy had failed to get a majority, the other scheme also failed. The subsidy proposition had no chance ten years ago; in the last Congress it passed one house; in the session just closed it was very near passing both houses. This indicates an education from which much may be hoped for next time. When it is remembered how much of the United States is inland country, where ocean traffic is something a majority of the people are ignorant about, this progress of the campaign for national recognition of the fact that it is needful to aid the shipping interests is not discouraging. It may be said that the chance of a ship subsidy being finally granted by Congress is better than ever.

## THE WONDERFUL ROOSEVELT AGAIN.

A correspondent calls The Star's attention to the following dispatch as applicable to one of the present local controversies:

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The president had as a caller today Lee Ferniciari of Chicago, the amateur lightweight champion boxer of the United States. He is going to the Olympic games, which will be held in London next June. Ferniciari and the president discussed the benefits to be derived from boxing, and the boxer became so enthusiastic that he squared off to illustrate some of the blows which he thought prove effective in a boxing match. The young boxer is going to uphold the prestige of the United States at London, and the president wants him to carry back the laurels of all other countries. He admonished the Yankee boy to "lick the tar out of the Britishers."

This is only another evidence of Roosevelt's incomparable activity and capacity for getting into trouble. However, he appears to have something of a predilection for the gentry who make their living in the ring. Not very long ago a story went the rounds of a White House porter who was disturbed at an hour when he supposed the Ruler of this land of liberty was asleep, and on responding to the call found that his Rulership had arisen and touched a bell to have someone or other come and relieve his massive brain, not of a worry over the tariff, currency, naval programme, race suicide or what to say to a Mother's Congress, but about who had won the Terry-McGovern match. Teddy

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was duly informed, as the story goes, expressed his views (of course) and then retired, and as he had probably written half a dozen messages that day, walked sixty miles or so, played tennis and talked to callers most of the time, it is to be presumed that he slept the sleep of the tired.

It appears that the Fleet Executive Committee's sensitiveness about publishing more or less personal discussions at its meetings applies only to its own membership—there does not appear to be any compunction about telling the experience of a Star man who was so unfortunate as to incur displeasure by declining to take orders from the committee regarding what he would write. Experience—very recent experience which we do not care to spoil now by giving specifications about—has shown that without any committee giving instructions to its reporters, The Star may be depended upon properly to support and assist all the fleet committees in their work. And it happens that the particular committee which attempted a ruling about personalities yesterday and allowed its violation in this morning's paper, is the very committee that had the experience. The notion that either a fleet committee or any other committee is to give orders to, and extract promises from, reporters, about how proceedings shall be reported, is hardly worthy of a committee of such men of affairs as those who constitute the membership of the Fleet Executive Committee.

## WOMAN PREVENTS A BANK ROBBERY

ATTACK ON THREE EMPLOYEES WHO CARRIED A FORTUNE IN CASH IS FOILED.

NEW YORK, May 25.—While three employees of the Jefferson Bank were on their way from the branch at Clinton and Houston streets to the main bank on Canal street, carrying \$43,000 cash, they were attacked on First street by three men, who jumped upon them and threw pepper in their faces, the leading thug attacking Samuel Edelman, who carried the bulk of the money, grabbing his money bag and attempting to run with it. The other thugs took care of Joseph H. Velsor and Abraham Stern, the other messengers.

Edelman tried to shake his assailant off, but was falling badly under the pummeling, when Mrs. Eva Javornicka, a waitress in a nearby restaurant, grabbed the leader of the band by the arm. She screamed so loudly for help that a patrolman came running up, frightened the other two thugs away, and was right at the heels of the man who had attacked Edelman by the time he had managed to shake himself free from the waitress. The third was captured.

The man arrested gave his name as Casino Riccobono. The police tonight arrested Riccobono's father, Giovanni Riccobono, and his two brothers, Salvatore and Damiano Riccobono, who are held as suspects, for a further examination tomorrow.

A noteworthy trip was lately made in California by the Hon. Parker Lyon, Mayor of Fresno, and C. E. Adams, in a new forty-horse-power Pierce Great Arrow car. The car, just arrived, was delivered to Mayor Lyon in San Francisco, and without testing it, the trip was started in a hard rain storm. The first one quarter of the trip was over average roads to San Jose and the following morning the going to Gilroy was comparatively good, but after that trouble started with mountain grades averaging ten per cent and adobe mud in which the car sank to the hubs. Many streams were forded and crossing several of them the water came above the foot boards of the car and churned up until

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